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Summary

Jamie decided to invite Luke and Kimberly to a concert by a popular local band at a club he frequents, just to find out that sometimes it's probably better not to do so.....

Notes

Sorry for the probably passive-aggressive second last tag, but sadly bi- and panphobia is at an all time high no matter if it's from straights or LGBTQI+ peeps, especially if it's a female/male couple. Sorry, not sorry to burst that bubble, but it's still queer.

Also, as a pan girlie, you can't tell me Luke's straight with how often he does finger guns. Bro's an absolute MESS of a bisexual, but we love him for it

Also, sorry if this is self-indulgent as hell, but wanted to my OC girlie a break from her past and having her start to heal more

See the end of the work for more notes

The club was full, probably a bit too full to have a moment alone, but Jamie didn't care. This was basically his chance on making something happen between him and Luke (which he definitely wasn't planning since months of painful pining on his side that he only accepted just now) and getting closer.

It was the concert night of a decently popular local band, which luckily both Luke and Kim knew, so it wasn't as obvious as to why Jamie suddenly let his connections play and organized three VIP Tickets for the show, not even caring about most of the perks and mainly trying to impress the blonde MMA coach with it, while playing it nonchalantly off as it it's nothing.

That was at least the plan.

Just one problem - Luke almost immediately brought up that someone else has already invited him to the same concert the moment Jamie dropped by Buckler to literally just throw the ticket in his face. And also with an VIP Ticket, which apparently was even the highest tier.

Great..... Awesome...

Welp, now Ed is tagging along instead of Luke. Shouldn't change the rest of his plan, right?

Well, about that...

The trio just dropped by the VIP section after their meet and greet with the artist as they heard Luke's laughter, accompanied by a female laugh.

"Oh, shut up! It wasn't even that insane!", the girl laughed, "Like, seriously..."

"Nah, you obliterated!", Luke commented and Jamie almost immediately wanted to storm over to where the voices came from, but Kimberly held him back with a side glare and Ed facepalms. This is going great already.

"We definitely should get to our seats and *not start a scene*.", Kimberly glared at Jamie before walking over to claim the seats assigned on their tickets. Literally a few rows behind what seems to be Luke and the girl that invited him to the concert, both standing at the railing of the balcony and are talking and laughing.

What's worse, the girl seems to be familiar to Kimberly and Jamie, but neither can't really place from where and who she was, mainly due to the rather low lighting of only the main white stage lights illuminating the audience and they just so happend to stand in a way that the lights casts them in shadow from the back. Both of them tried to figure it out, until Luke snapped them out of their thoughts, calling them down to them.

"Hey! Are you guys coming?", he asked and gestures them down to them, the girl waving at them. Jamie sights in annoyance. *Great, now he's going to gloat about his date probably*. But whatever, if there's going to be a rejection, he probably should know who Luke considers a suitable partner. IF it's a romantic partner of course. He's still clinging onto that hope.

"Yeah! Give us a sec!", Kimberly shouts over, before dropping her bag onto the seat and hopping down to the two, followed by the two guys, while both Kimberly and Ed almost instantly shoot Jamie a glare to NOT do anything stupid. *Of course they would do that*.

"In all honesty, I definitely have to apologize that I didn't mentioned that earlier.", Luke starts, "Especially after Jamie probably tried to invite me to the concert yesterday, but...."

The blonde MMA coach shoots a sheepish side glance over to the girl, who nodded at him before Luke pulls her softly closer by wrapping one of his arms around her waist with a soft smile, "... I've actually scored myself a Player 2."

The girl almost immediately laughed, "You made it sound like we're married, you dumbass!"

"I couldn't really think of something else, sorry! My mind's still at the insane match that we played before the concert in *Strawberry Fighter IV*!", he answered her, before turning back to the other three watching that moment unfold, "But yeah, me and Heat are a couple. Also, I think I forgot to introduce her to you a while back...."

The moment the name fell, it almost instantly clicked in both Kimberly's and Jamie's minds and the reactions couldn't be even more different.

Kimberly covers her mouth in shock, but also trying not to immediately scream about her, meanwhile Jamie's expression went blank. Did Luke really managed to pull a worldwide known musician as his romantic partner? Like, **HOW**?! That girl's *waaaaaay* outta his league.

In Jamie's mind, Luke has probably the absolute least amount of style and charm to do this, but here he is now, arm loosely wrapped around an international celebrity's waist, not to mention one who has gotten public with her past horror relationship and distanced herself over all these years from love, and both of them being literally too goddamn **sweet** with their relationship.

But, to be fair, Luke is patient and probably the best type of person to be with for someone with emotional scars like this, he's literally the most chill guy that Jamie knows (except for when Jamie annoys him, but that's an entire different thing altogether), but still... There's no way this dumbass of a coach pulled her **that** easily.

Meanwhile Ed is literally staring at the two he came to the concert with as if something has happened. Sure, he sorta knows Heat, it's hard not to, especially with her having headlined the opening concert for the Haggar Stadium a while back (her face and name was definitely not plastered around the entirety of Metro City for that and in all honesty, she has a level of respect from him for her dedication to her craft), but seeing the reactions to Luke revealing her as his partner is probably not the thing to react like that.

They happen to be together and they're happy, what gives?

Heat laughed softly, "Nah, don't worry Luke.", she grins, "I definitely feel like I almost don't need a full on introduction to your friends, especially with the reactions."

"Not really", Kimberly answered, "But if I'm allowed to ask, since when are you together? I mean **together** together?"

Both Heat and Luke look at each other.

"Roughly half a year?", he answered with an awkward laugh.

"Definitely sounds about right.", the brown haired singer added onto that, "Then again, I'm definitely kinda trash when it comes to remembering something like that."

They can't be serious. They **can't**. All those months that that Jamie thought he had a chance with Luke, he was dating a girl that is literally music **royalty**. Talk about a rough awakening.

"Damn, and you managed to keep it under wraps that whole time Luke? I'm surprised!", Kimberly teased her blonde bestie, clearly being happy for them, "I thought you would've tell us day 1 who you're dating, but considering who it is.... Shouldn't be surprised."

They all talk so casually about the relationship, meanwhile Jamie's heart feels like it's going to explode. But he has to play it cool. It's literally nothing.

It's literally not like he just got the absolute biggest rejection after a long ass time and that in the worst way possible. Sure, he's happy for the two, especially for Heat, but on the other side.... This was supposed to be **his** night.

Meanwhile, the noise coming from the stage got the attention of the full crowd, making them cheer, and the trio went back to their seats while Heat and Luke keep standing at the reling for the concert.

The band was good, that's not even a debate, but Jamie couldn't help but feeling sort of betrayed while looking at the couple further down, not helped by the fact that they're seated and standing right in the middle and in front of the trio, singing, dancing and cheering during the entire concert.

Even worse, during a slow song where the two were already comfortably cuddling (or rather as much cuddling as it's possible in the seats) in their seats to catch a break from them almost constantly jumping and shouting during the last songs, Luke softly kisses Heat on her cheek and saying something inaudible, making the singer laugh before pulling him in for a kiss.

Sure, it's not their intention that they literally flaunt their relationship in Jamie's face, but it **felt** like it. They're literally just on a date and minding their own business in being a couple. On top of that, he's already dreading what the socials will look like after this, having almost zero escape from people commenting on Heat's partner.

It's frustrating, really.

At least it isn't souring the mood of an absolutely good concert for Jamie, just an unavoidable elephant in the room to process.

At least tomorrow he can forget that this even happened and pretend it was just friendly between Heat and Luke, right?

Literally right the morning after the concert, Jamie woke up to a flurry of texts between Kimberly and Luke in their group chat, with Kim trying to get every single detail about how he actually got to meet Heat and got to the point of dating her out of the blonde and Luke sorta mentioning everything but not everything in response to her questions.

That was definitely expected from them, no matter who it would've been. Despite her being, according to herself, a Ninjastar and actally is a genius and prodigy, she's still someone who lives for gossip and seeing one of her favorite musicians being someone that's now so close to her, she has to know.

At least it hasn't hit mainstream yet.

.... He wish he could've gone back to 5 minutes ago. Before opening socials and seeing almost **everyone** talk about the couple.

Fans of Heat were ecstatic to see that their favorite musician finally got a happy relationship, the more parasocial ones complaining on why it's not them and immediately threatening to harm, people literally out of the loop questioning why it's a good thing and gossip sites showing pics and clips from the concert with the two prominently front and center just hanging out and enjoying their time together at various times during the event.

Some of the people commenting on the posts almost instantly recognizing Luke, hell even multiple of his trainees perked up on socials about the entire thing, being surprised but also congratulating their coach.

It was frustrating. Even more so when after a refresh of the homepage, he immediately gets hit with both of them making it official that they're an item and being sickly **sweet** about it.

Their posts are just downright frustratingly adorable, with Luke posting a cute but also hilarious selfie from the concert of them with an absolutely stupid ass corny caption (something that Jamie almost immediately forgot, or rather immediately repressed to remember), meanwhile Heat's post was a selfie of the two smiling and forming a heart with their fingers between their faces, followed by another selfie of them laughing about something stupid (probably something that Luke said) and being downright adorable, it was only topped by the message accompanying it.

Sorry if I haven't said shit in a while about relationships and stuff, but me and @VeryNiceCoach (the absolutely MASSIVE golden retriever of a guy in the pics) are together now! Took a while to even being okay to go public about it, but here we are, being happy and glad that we can finally talk about it now! 🧡💙

Hope you keep supporting in the future and thanks to all of you for the congratulations so far!

And the trend of people being happy for them continues in the comments of the posts, even mentioning that they're their new favorite couple, as well as asking on how long it took for them to actually be open about their relationship.

This is gonna haunt him forever, isn't it?

"The concert was dope, wasn't it?", Heat asks Luke while they're eating the leftover pizza from after the concert in the morning. The two decided to go for a mix out of pepperoni, triple cheese and tuna with cheese filled crust and it was surprisingly good.

"Yep!", Luke grins, "I low-key still feel bad for Jamie tho." He ends his sentence with a sigh, before taking another bite of the re-heated slice of pizza, while Heat almost immediately perked up.

"Is something about the entire thing that made you feel that way?", she asks, raising one of her eyebrows.

The blonde sighs. "Probably the way he acted, like normally he would try to tease my ass into oblivion, but after I introduced you to them as my girlfriend, he looked shocked, heartbroken even."

Heat leans her head against her free hand with a sigh. "I sorta noticed it as well, but couldn't really place why in all honesty. First I kinda thought it's the usual and he's jelly of you for dating me.... But honestly, I feel like it's sorta reversed."

"You mean...?", Luke's trying to think about anything that might sound plausible, "... Jamie's jealous about that I got a girl and he doesn't?"

The brown haired girl laughs. Luke is sometimes really too stupid for his own good, but that's what makes him adorable. "More like he probably was jealous about me being with you.", Heat answers.

"So, you mean, Jamie's literally jealous not because of me dating an international celebrity, but because he ain't dating me?", Luke asks, mainly to confirm he understood it correctly, "And me introducing you as my girl to Jamie, Ed and Kim was seen as him literally getting the biggest rejection ever?"

"To Jamie, but not Kim or Ed.", Heat added onto that, "But yeah, sounds like it."

"But why didn't he say shit months ago?"

"Probably beeeg ego, same with him teasing you a lot, Luke."

Luke thought about it for a while, but then waved his hand. "Eh, he tried to shoot his shot way too late.", He mentioned, "I mean, I've got you now, babe."

"Luke!", Heat laughs with a blush, "But honestly, glad that you're with me."

"I mean, you're the Sue Storm to my Reed Richards.", the blonde smiles, making the brown haired laugh.

"I thought you're more Johnny Storm personality wise from the Fantastic 4, but from the relationship angle it works.", Heat grins.

"Oh, c'mooooon! I'm not that *stupid* sometimes!", Luke laughs, "How about Gambit and Jean Gray?"

"Only if it's not X-Men '84, that shit's tragic AF for them.", the singer immediately answers.

Luke thought for a short bit. "Then, how about... Star-Lord and Gamora?"

"You just said that because we watched GotG last week. Also in the comics, Gamora cheats on Peter Quill with Tony Stark. Movies aren't better with GotG Vol. 3.", Heat noted, making Luke wince.

"Who do you think we are like then, Heat?", was his answer to the comment she made.

"Hm..... How about Lady Death and Deadpool?", Heat answers with a grin.

This makes Luke absolutely loose his cool and wheeze. "Heat!", he laughs, "I mean, I know what you wanna say with that, but c'mooooon! I'm not that reckless!" Both of them laugh like crazy at the comments, before Luke managed to say something again.

"Okay, but seriously, I definitely feel like we're low-key like Sol and Jack-O' from *Guilty Gear*."

This made Heat blush immediately and cover her face in embarrassment. "Oh my god, Luke!", she squealed with a laugh, "You can't be serious!"

"No, seriously!", he grins, "In the beginning Frederick and Aria were a couple, hell they were even almost engaged, before the entire shit happens with the Gear project and Frederick became Sol and Aria became Justice, then Valentine and then following Xrd, Jack-O'."

"And you're saying that you would still hold on to our relationship if shit absolutely hits the fan and we wouldn't see each other for hundreds of years, even if I would terrorize the world?", Heat asks.

"Not even saying that, I promise that to you", Luke answers sheepishly, making the singer laugh with a blush.

"Oh my fucking god, you're a cornball!", she smiles at the blonde.

"Hey! Yours wasn't better!", Luke grins and the two keep laughing and talking while eating.

"You brought it up with Sue and Reed!", Heat countered.

Luke rolls his eyes in playful annoyance, "Yeah, 'cause I see our relationship like that. Literally unbreakable, no matter what happens.", he added onto that with a soft smile, answered by a cute smile by Heat.

"Love you.", she managed to get out before she almost inaudibly squeaks as she felt Luke's arms around her waist, pulling her into a hug.

"Love you too princess.", he smiles before kissing her softly on the cheek.

End Notes

Sorry not sorry to bring up JackSol in a Street Fighter fic, but in all honesty, definitely one of my favorite canon ships in all of fighting games

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